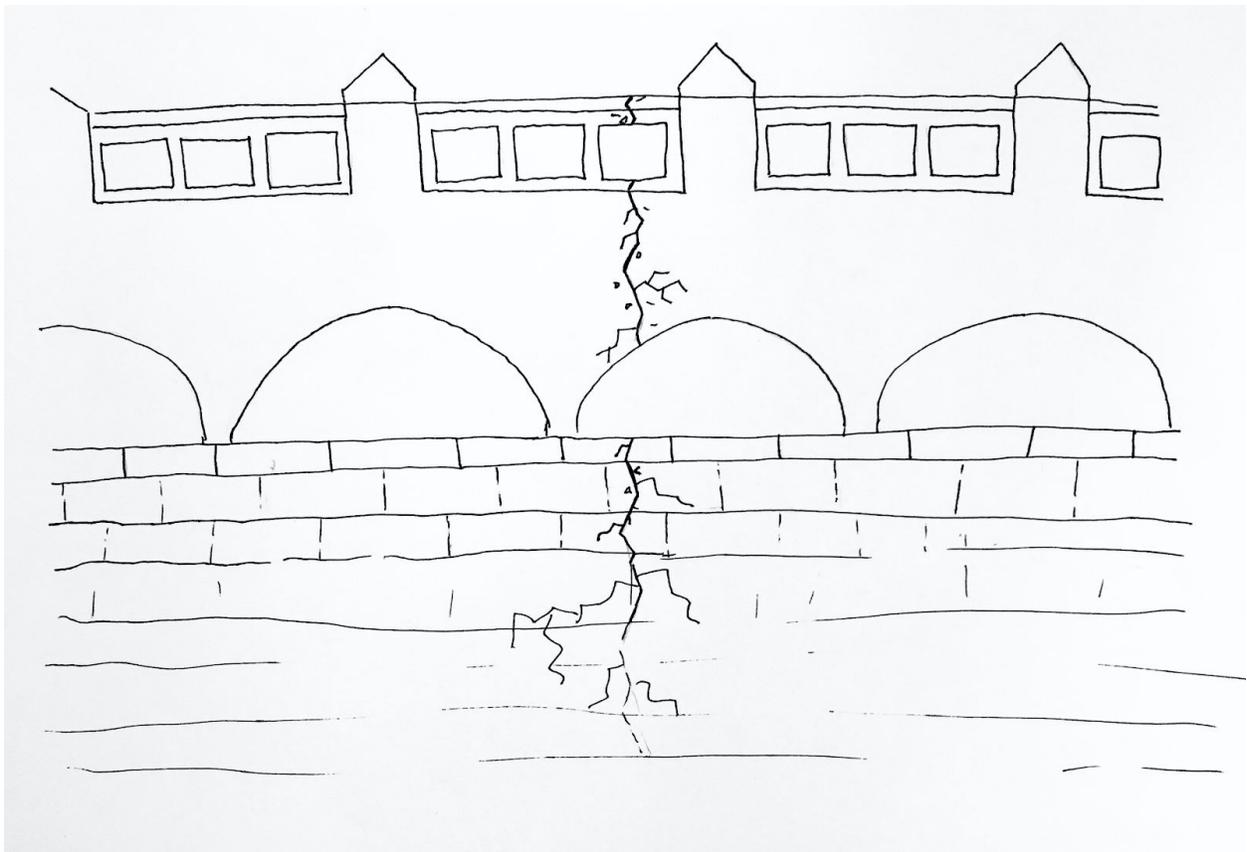


Breaking Down Barriers



Ephesians 2:14

Christ himself is our peace. He has made Jews and Gentiles into one group of people. He has destroyed the hatred that was like a wall between us.

Discussion Questions for Families

1. Why did Ms. Emily talk about Frozen 2 in Power Kids today?? What does Frozen 2 have to do with Jesus??

In Frozen 2, Elsa and Anna were compelled to break down the dam that had long caused hostility between the folks in Arendelle and Northundra. In doing so, they brought peace between the two groups. They were perfect candidates to help bring peace between the two groups because they were descended from both groups of people. Likewise, God sent Jesus, fully God and fully human, to break down the barrier between himself and people, and between people and people. And as his followers, we are citizens of both heaven and here, and can be about breaking down “walls of hostility” and being peace-makers in our own communities.

2. Ephesians 2:4-5 says that God loved us so much and is so full of mercy that he gave us new life in Jesus. What happens when people who are enemies join the same family of God?

When God saves us, he changes our lives completely and makes it possible for us to love the way he loves. So we who were once enemies can learn to love each other and forgive each other the way God loves and forgives us.

3. If Jesus is the ultimate wall-breaker, and we are his followers, then as his followers, we are invited to break down walls in our own lives and communities as well! What does that make you think of? What does that look like?

Depending on the age/awareness/maturity of your kids, you may want to talk about family issues, or problems between kids/teachers at school, or societal issues in the news today between people of different political parties/religions/races/etc.

4. There are still walls of hostility (like the dam in Frozen 2) in our world today, even between people who say they are a part of the same family of God. Why do you think that is? What can we do about it?

God saves us, but then he continues to work in us to make us more like him. We are a work-in-progress, not perfect, and still need him to change us.

5. Let's pray as a family about one wall that we can be a part of breaking down in our family, in our neighborhood, school or community.

Sometimes the first step to be a wall-breaker is to become friends with people we wouldn't normally be friends with, because it's hard not to love our friends! We can also hear/read stories from people who are different from us, to help us learn about things we are unfamiliar with. We can begin to pray for opportunities to be peace-makers, in school, in our neighborhood, and in our church. What other ideas did you come up with? We would love to hear about it!